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SUBJECT: DHEW/OHDS/RSA/SFCP -- PROJECT FOR DEAF -- 19-P-58035-F01

REF: (A) STATE 106639, (B) CONAKRY 0859

1. DEAF CHILDREN'S SCHOOL FOLLOWS TERM OF OTHER GUINEAN SCHOOLS: OCTOBER-JUNE, WITH EXAMS IN JUNE AND FORMAL CLOSING IN EARLY JULY. THUS FUTURE VISITS TO PROJECT SHOULD BE SCHEDULED IN OCTOBER-MAY PERIOD (WHICH IS DRY SEASON). EMBASSY WELCOMES VISITS OF RSA PROJECT OFFICER ANNUALLY AND CONSULTANTS TWICE YEARLY INDICATED REFTEL. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED AS MUCH IN ADVANCE AS POSSIBLE WHEN NEXT CONSULTANT VISIT WILL TAKE PLACE AND FOR HOW LONG, SO HOUSING AND OTHER SUPPORT CAN BE PLANNED.

2. FOLLOWING IS CLARIFICATION ON USE OF U.S.-OWNED SYLIS FROM PROJECT FOR PURPOSE OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL: TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED IN CONAKRY WITH USG-OWNED SYLIS FOR OFFICIAL USG INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ORIGINATING IN CONAKRY. (USE OF SYLIS FOR TRIPS FROM U.S. TO CONAKRY NOT POSSIBLE). TICKET IS NOT TRANSFERRABLE AMONG AIRLINES -- THAT IS, IF A UTA TICKET IS PURCHASED, TRAVEL MUST BE PERFORMED EXCLUSIVELY ON UTA (OR ALLIED AIRLINE AIR FRANCE); SABENA TICKETS MAY BE USED ONLY ON SABENA; SAME FOR AIR AFRIQUE AND AIR ALGERIA. IT IS THUS POSSIBLE TO USE THESE AIR- UNCLASSIFIED

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LINES FROM CONAKRY TO THE U.S., IN PART OR WHOLLY DEPENDING ON WHETHER WAIVERS TO "FLY AMERICA" REGS CAN BE OBTAINED FOR TRANSATLANTIC PORTION (WHERE COMPETITION WITH U.S.- FLAG CARRIERS OCCURS, UNLIKE AFRICA-EUROPE FLIGHTS).

3. EMBASSY AND GUINEAN MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS CONCUR IN UTILITY OF VISIT BY DR. L. DENO REED BUT FEEL IT WOULD

BE BEST SCHEDULED WHEN THE DEAF SCHOOL RESUMES OPERATIONS
IN OCTOBER-NOVEMBER. GOG HOPES TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION
OF NEW WING OF SCHOOL THIS MONTH. REED COULD THUS VISIT
AT TIME WHEN CONSTRUCTION IS WELL ALONG OR COMPLETED AND
EQUIPMENT (REF A) HAS ARRIVED.

4. AS FOOTNOTE TO SHIPMENT PROCEDURES SUGGESTED REF B,
EMBASSY STRONGLY UNDERLINES NEED TO "TROPICALIZE" PACKING
CRATES AND SEAL EQUIPMENT IN PLASTIC OR AIR AND WATER
TIGHT STYROFOAM, AS SHOCKPROOF AS POSSIBLE. SUCH EQUIPMENT
ARRIVING IN CONAKRY MUST RUN FEARSOME GAUNTLET
OF CARELESS U.S. STEVEDORES, LAX SHIPBOARD STOWAGE,
THIEVES AND VANDALS ON BOARD AND ASHORE, AND ROUGH
HANDLING ON DELIVERY, SO THAT PACKING MUST BE OF APPROPRIATE
HIGHEST QUALITY TO HAVE CHANCE OF ARRIVING IN
OPERABLE CONDITION.

5. INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AND COPY OF MATTHEWS' TRIP
REPORT (REF A) HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

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